

Area Highlights

Reifsnider State Forest is located in central Warren County, two miles east of Warrenton on Route M and three miles south on Schuetzenground Road. This area consists of 1,388 acres, more than 95 percent of which are forested. Facilities/features: picnic areas, shooting range and intermittent stream (North Fork of Charrette Creek). A couple of old clay mining pits are stocked for fishing. Most of the open land resulted from fireclay mining when the forest was privately owned. The late Bertha Reifsnider of Hudson, Ohio, donated the land to the Conservation Department in 1965, in honor of family members Frank, Emma Elizabeth and Edna Reifsnider. During your visit, you may view various forest management practices designed to improve forest health and wildlife habitat. As such, the area provides great opportunities for viewing various wildlife species.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking – Hunting
Outdoor Photography – Picnicking – Shooting Range
Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized camping, fishing and hunting activities.

- Shooting range closed for maintenance until noon on Mondays except for state-observed holidays. Shooting range also occasionally closed for Special-Use Permit functions. All other days, the shooting range is open from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset.
- No fireworks.
- No open fires except in designated areas.
- Dogs must be leashed when not being used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- Primitive camping is permitted only during the November and Alternative Methods portions of the firearms deer season and only in designated areas.
- Horses and bicycles are allowed only on roads open to public vehicles.
- For safety reasons target shooting is permitted only at shooting ranges.
- Swimming and scuba diving are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations with the following exceptions on area impoundments:

- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited except that gizzard shad may be taken by dip net or throw net.
- Daily limits are 6 black bass and 4 catfish in the aggregate (channel, blue and flathead catfish) and 30 crappie. Total number of all other fish may not exceed 20.
- All black bass between 12 and 15 inches must be released immediately after being caught.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- **Deer and turkey regulations are subject to annual changes. Please refer to Spring Turkey or Fall Deer and Turkey Booklets for current regulations.**
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address, or Conservation Number, of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Furbearer trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

For local information, contact:

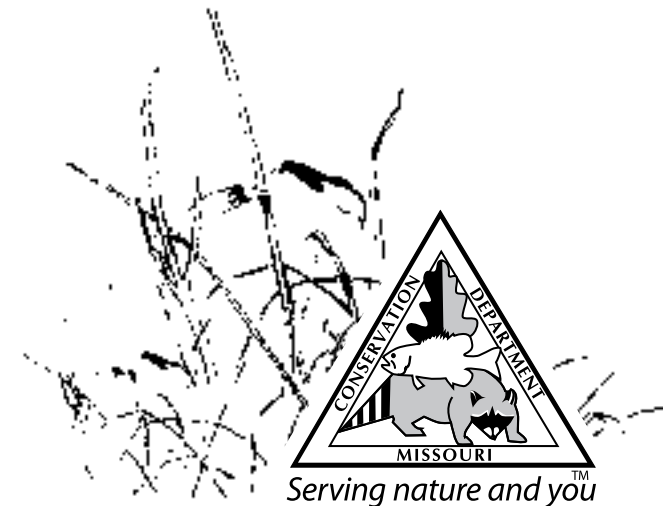
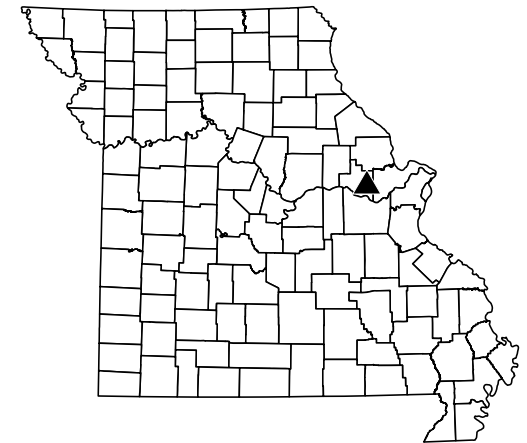
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Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards in
parking areas and area offices.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code, which lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (voice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP-4020, Arlington, VA 22203.

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